

FEDERAL BANK RETIRED OFFICERS' FORUM (FBROF)



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The Legendary Leader Leaves for his Heavenly Abode

SRI P V MATHEW PASSES AWAY



With deep sense of sorrow and profound feeling of bereavement we report the sad and untimely death of Sri P V Mathew, our former President and the legendary leader of Bank Officers' movement today morning.

Sri Mathew was the proud synonym of Federal Bank Officers' Movements ---- both In- Service and Ex-Service, Federal Bank Officers' Association and Federal Bank Retired Officers' Forum. Sri Mathew had captained FBOA for more than a quarter of a century through thick and thin, trial and triumph, 'war and peace', efficiently, enviably and gloriously with vision, calm, composure and clarity. He had become the General Secretary of FBOA at a prime age of 34 and remained as General Secretary till his retirement at the age of 60 enjoying unreserved confidence of the officers of our Bank as their undisputed leader; post retirement he was elected unopposed as the President of Federal Bank Retired Officers' Forum.

Through his firm commitment and undiluted dedication to the cause of Bank officers, he grew beyond the Federal frame reaching the national leadership of the entire Bank officers community in the country. At the national level he was the sole spoke-person of the Private Sector Bank Officers of the country in Bipartite talks with IBA - a proud contribution of Federal Bank to the Country's Banking Fraternity. Those were the golden days we have seen in him a fine team player, the unique team leader, the fierce fighter, the terrific trouble shooter, the committed trade unionist, the outwitting diplomat and the statesman-shrewd and practical, that Sri Mathew was. During the deliberations and dialogues, whether with the members of FBOA, FBROF or AIBOC or with the Bank Managements or IBA during the times of friction or fellowship it was a unique experience to see the manner in which Mathew was eyeing the possibilities, conceiving the ideas, mooted the suggestions, selling the propositions, analyzing the alternatives, defending the causes, challenging the unacceptable, breaking the deadlocks and moulding the consensus in his inimitable charismatic leadership style. Unquestionable loyalty to the Bank and undiluted commitment to the members of the organizations he represented constituted the chemistry of his leadership-unique and unparalleled.

He has been a trade unionist with a difference - with a quality difference; he redefined trade unionism with a new vision. Keeping apart the tremendous improvement in service conditions of officers, he made outstanding contributions for the all-round improvement of officer community and their families – Top class residential facilities through Federal Housing Society, High standard professional educational facilities through FISAT, AIBOC Bhavan, Hormis Nagar, FBOA Hall, FBOA road, ... etc He shaped FBOA into a role model of trade unions- not only of Banking Sector, but trade unions of all categories.

When Sri Mathew leaves us forever for his Heavenly abode, we lose one of our most illustrious Federal Luminary- a renowned trade unionist, an eminent educationist, an incomparable negotiator, a great organizer, an insightful visionary --- a real leader who can think and act beyond his times, in short a true Federal Celebrity.

With prayers and tears, respect and reverence, we dip our banner in fond memory of our great leader Sri P V Mathew on his final journey

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